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In re Application of:

JORGENSEN, Rolf Jess

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S i r :

Prior to the action on the merits, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1 and 20 as follows:

A1:
1. (Amended) A method of preventing parturient hypocalcemia in an animal, comprising administering to the animal during at least part of the dry period an effective amount of a composition according to claim 14.

A2:
20. (Amended) The composition according to claim 14 wherein the compound has a competitive effect on the absorption of calcium from drinking water and/or from the ration of the animal.

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